

# TRIMESTER REPORT

July 2014



The Trimester Report is a tri-annual publication of Life Centers. Its purpose is to inform supporters of the impact Life Centers is having in the community of greater Indianapolis.

# **Ministry Stats:** January – June



Life Centers has met the needs of over 4,134 clients in any one of our eight centers. Our centers provide to each of our clients at no cost to them, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, and support service needs such as diapers, formula, baby and maternity clothes. 125 women that told us they were strongly considering an abortion decided to give their child life. We performed 126 ultrasounds, 156 clients made spiritual decisions and over 2,401 support services were provided.

#### **Events**

The Walk/Run for Life is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Creek Park and September 20th in Lebanon. Not only is this another way for Life Centers to become more visible in our community, but it is another way that we are able to raise the much needed financial resources that keep our ministry thriving.



This year has also seen a significant increase in the Bottles for Babies program that is promoted throughout the church



community. In one program of significance, a donor stepped up and matched dollar for dollar on the total raised through the baby bottles in their church. To get a Bottles for Babies campaign launched in your church, please contact us at 317-968-9133.

# **Center Spotlight**

Life Centers has eight locations, five of which are located in Marion County. Our **downtown center** is one of our busiest centers. As of May, we had over 800 clients visit this center. Whether it was for counseling, pregnancy tests, a scheduled ultrasound appointment or needing items like diapers or baby formula, this center serves the downtown community in a number of ways.



**Brooke Seibel**Downtown Center Director



Top: Counseling Rooms, Bottom: Office

# Celebration of Life

# **Banquet Update**

One of the primary fundraisers Life Centers has is our annual banquet. This year, we had almost 1,100 people attend, which is about 300 more than last year. Our keynote speaker, Eric Metaxas, delivered a terrific speech and we were also very honored to have Indiana's Governor, Mike Pence, attend and have a public signing of an adoption bill that is so important in our ministry.



Eric Metaxas



We are already working on the 2015 banquet which will be held on April 23, so please mark your calendars now. One of our goals for our banquet next year is to expose God's ministry to a broader audience that affords us to share with more people in our community the great work and services our centers provide to those who find themselves in need.

Are you signed up to receive our email updates and are you following us on Facebook? If not, I would encourage you to do so as these are going to be the primary means in which we share what is going on at Life Centers in a much more efficient and cost effective way.

Join us for next year's **Celebration of Life** April 23, 2015

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves..."

- Proverbs 31:8

at the J.W. Marriott

downtown Indianapolis!





# **God's Blessing**

At the banquet, we shared the need to replace aging, antiquated ultrasound equipment in our centers. Praise God, we had two donors step up and fund replacing two of our machines! These new machines produce much better images that not only allow our sonographers to read the ultrasounds more clearly,



but now the client can see more details of the life growing inside of her. And we can send these images electronically of the baby directly to the young woman's email or phone. These new machines are such a blessing. All data suggests that ultrasound pictures are the primary reason an abortion-vulnerable client will change her mind and choose life for her baby. Now, every time she looks at her phone, a plea for life is made.



# **Ministry Partners**

We are blessed to have so many great ministry partners to work with when we refer our clients for assistance



beyond what we can provide. Ministries such as **Heart Change**, which is a ministry that helps women develop a hunger for living life God's way and a desire to seek real change in their lives, while building relationships with other women who are trying to move in the same direction in a Christ-honoring way. We also have strong relationships with adoption agencies, pregnancy homes, and many other resources that help our clients with a multitude of needs.

heartchangeindy.org

#### **Volunteers and Life Ambassadors Needed**

A key component in ministering to our clients is having volunteers in each of our centers. Whether the client needs counseling, maternity support materials, a pregnancy test or an ultrasound scheduled, our volunteers are vital in



making this happen. We would appreciate you helping us get the word out to your church and friends that volunteers are needed, and they can call Tammy at 317-968-9134 for further information.

We are also looking for Life Ambassadors within the church. Life Ambassadors are our key contact persons in the churches that work with our Director of Church Partnerships, Christy Ripperger, to ensure there is direct communication between Life Centers and the many churches within our community where our centers are located.

# Life Centers is pursuing new ways to communicate better.

I trust you will find these Life Centers trimester reports helpful and informative. Our ministry receives **no public funding** whatsoever and relies on the generous support of our individual supporters and churches. The demand and needs of our clients increase daily and our desire is to meet those needs whenever and wherever we can. Unfortunately, there are times when we are limited due to funding.

We have taken a number of expense reduction steps in order to use those funds directly to our centers. My belief is that we need to be wise stewards of those gifts God has blessed us with, and the steps we have taken over the past six months has ensured we are true to this covenant. However, as mentioned, the needs of our clients have increased and we would ask that if the Lord has put it on your heart **to help us expand the level of service we provide to our clients**, that you would prayerfully consider increasing your level of support.

We are grateful and appreciative for all your **prayers**, **support** and your willingness to take that stand for LIFE with us as we minister to the needs of the thousands of clients we see every year.

Tom Shevlot

**Executive Director** 

